GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SIDING MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board/Zonal/Divisional Railway Offices maintain composite records on list of sidings containing ownership of land used for assisted sidings etc. ;

(b) if so, whether out of 76 sidings constructed and put into operation during 1994-99, only 27 were yielding projected freight causing shortfall in anticipated revenue to the extent of Rs.550 crores ;

(c) whether a sum of Rs.180 crores were outstanding against siding owners towards use of land, rolling stock etc. for the period of 1994-95 to 1998-99 ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to revamp the siding management in the Railways ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir, Siding Register/Land Registers maintained by Divisional and Zonal Headquarters contain all necessary records of Assisted/Private Sidings.

(b) & (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of Lok Sabha.

(d) Railway Board is taking necessary steps to ensure that all the sidings are managed in an efficient way. In September,2000, Board issued a comprehensive circular containing guidelines regarding the appropriate nodal agencies responsible for siding management before, during and after construction stages.